

ARTICLE 38: Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund



Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) to be added to the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established.

(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously supports this article.)

In 1976 a Capital Reserve Fund was established for the orderly replacement of "Special Highway Equipment such as sanders, plows, tractors, etc. In 1997 the article was amended to include refurbishing of this same equipment. This fund could also used to address emergency equipment expenditures.

Estimated Tax Impact: \$0.01 Per Thousand

ARTICLE 39: Appointment of Capital Reserve Agent



Shall the Town, pursuant to RSA 35:15, vote to appoint the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund previously established in 1976.

(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. As this article has no tax impact, the Ways and Means Committee takes no position on this article; however as individuals the majority support this article.)

This is a housekeeping article. Article 11 established in 1976 directed the Selectmen to carry out the intent of the Capital Reserve Fund article. Article 39 reauthorizes the Board of Selectmen, but in language meeting today's legal requirements. This change eliminates a potential legal debate in the future.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

ARTICLE 40: Change the Purpose of the Library Land Capital Reserve Fund



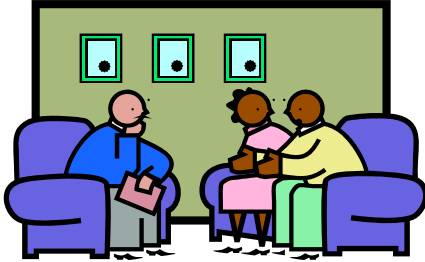
Shall the Town vote to change the name of the existing Library Land Capital Reserve Fund to the Library Facility Expansion or Renovation Capital Reserve Fund. and to change the purpose of said fund, in accordance with RSA 35:16, so that the original purpose, 'of acquisition of land and any buildings thereon for future expansion of library space' shall be expanded so that the purpose will also include, 'the expansion and renovation of existing library facilities'. Two Thirds (2/3) vote required

(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. As this article has no tax impact, the Ways and Means Committee takes no position on this article; however as individuals the majority support this article.)

The existing Library Land Capital Reserve Fund can only be spent to purchase land and/or buildings for library expansion. While a library building project is not currently planned, the rate of growth of library services suggests that patron demand will outgrow the current facility. More recent examination of the building suggests that there exist possibilities for expansion/ renovation of the facility which would enable growth in library services and collection without purchasing or constructing another building. This article amends the existing Library Land Capital Reserve Fund to provide the flexibility for the fund to be used for such an expansion project.

Estimated Tax Impact: None

ARTICLE 41: Keystone Hall Funding



Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to support the Keystone Hall in providing outpatient programs to Amherst residents in need of critical substance abuse services.

(The Board of Selectmen unanimously recommends a yes vote. The Ways and Means Committee unanimously supports this

article.)

The Town has a long standing history of posing warrant articles on new health/social service agency funding requests. Keystone Hall had requested funding in the past, however has not requested support recently. For this reason, the request is being presented to the voters again. Keystone Hall is a part of the Greater Nashua Council on Alcoholism.

Estimated Tax Impact: Less Than \$0.01 Per Thousand